

March 3, 2021

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kroshus.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of February 17, 22, and 26, 2021, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-458  
BEK Communications Cooperative  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission bill BEK Communications Cooperative \$483.37 for costs incurred to date in BEK Communications Cooperative, Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-20-458.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-191  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Deferred Accounting - Electric -  
COVID-19  
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,804.06 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Deferred Accounting – Electric – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-191.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-192  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Electric -  
COVID-19  
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,936.06 in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Electric – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-192.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-193  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - COVID-19  
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,722.10 in Otter Tail Power Company, Deferred Accounting – COVID 19, Application, Case No. PU-20-193.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-219  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Deferred Accounting - Gas - COVID-19  
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,804.06 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Deferred Accounting – Gas – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-219.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-220  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Gas - COVID-19  
Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,936.07 in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Gas – COVID-19, Application, Case No. PU-20-220.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-436  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,681.33 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-20-436.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-440  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery  
Rates

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,653.03 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU-20-440.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-447  
Otter Tail Power Company  
North Dakota Department of  
Transportation - McLean  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Otter Tail Power Company, North Dakota Department of Transportation – McLean, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-20-447.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-49  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
230kV Transmission Line Project -  
Mountrail County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Filing and Hearing in the Application of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 230kV Transmission Line Project – Mountrail County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-49

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Ms. Fedorchak votes "Recused from Vote".

Mr. Christmann votes "Aye".

Mr. Kroshus votes "Aye".

Case No. PU-21-88  
Red River Rural Telephone Association  
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Red River Rural Telephone Association, Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-21-88.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-356  
Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
vs. Otter Tail Power Company  
Complaint

Initiation of Investigation into Impacts  
of Extreme Weather Events

ATTEST

  
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Executive Secretary

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Hearing in Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc., vs. Otter Tail Power Company, Complaint, Case No. PU-20-356.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission initiate an Investigation into impacts and rate treatment for public utility customers related to the extreme weather events of February 5-18, 2021.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 12:04 P.M.

  
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JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIR